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In reply refer
to CD No. 196

13 February 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR SPECIAL OPERATIONS

SUBJECT: Request for Intelligence Information on BW Activities
at POZNAN

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1. On 15 January 1947 (0900 E.S.T.) a German language broadcast, with commentary by one REHMAN, commented from MOSCOW on the subject "The Nuremberg Trial of Nazi Doctors". The following observation is quoted from a summary of that program:

"Their (German) experiments had been designed to promote the scientific development of the methods for killing people by the million. Thus the liberating Red Army had found at POZNAN (POZNAN, Poland) a German factory manufacturing lethal bacteria on a mass scale."

2. The latest and most reliable information available in the Intelligence Division, WDGS, relative to the German project at POZNAN indicates that this installation, when uncovered, had not begun operations for the production of biological warfare agents, although its construction had been completed. Various German intelligence documents make reference to this activity, identifying it as the "Eschscholtz Project".

3. In connection with current requirements, the Intelligence Division, WDGS, has requested detailed intelligence information concerning the factory at POZNAN to include the following:

(a) Details of the extent of Russian knowledge with respect to German biological warfare in general, and German activities at POZNAN in particular;

(b) Present condition of the installation at POZNAN, and the purposes to which it is now being put, if any;

(c) Evidence concerning the actual manufacture of bacteria at the POZNAN factory by the Germans, if any;

(d) Details of the processes that may have been contemplated for use at POZNAN; and

(e) Other available pertinent data.

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4. It is requested that your Office, from sources under its control and as may be consistent with its capabilities, furnish this Office by 1 April 1947 with intelligence information pertinent to the German biological warfare program at JGMBH, as outlined above, and any subsequent developments as they become available.

5. In addition, the Intelligence Division, WDCB, requests the's who data pertaining to the Russian commentator KHRUMIN. If there is no operational objection, it is requested that your Office furnish OSB, as soon as practicable, with complete biographic data on KHRUMIN. If your Office cannot provide this information, and has no operational objection to having OSB request same from other sources, it is further requested that this Office be so informed by separate memorandum.

6. In forwarding the requested information, please attach the enclosed Information Dispatch Slips; thereafter, submit any subsequent material on this subject to the Reading Center.

7. Similar requests pertaining to this subject have been addressed by the Director of Intelligence, WDCB, to the Commanding General, USFET, N/A, Moscow, and N/A, Warsaw. This Office has requested the Office of Operations to initiate collection action on all items except that contained in paragraph 5. above.

FOR THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION:

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Colonel, U.S.C. (F.A.)
Chief, Collection Branch

1. Requests have been forwarded to field.

2. No operational objection, reference para. 5 this request.

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INTELLIGENCE DIRECTIVE

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DATE OF REQUEST

March 5, 1947

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DATE INTELLIGENCE RECEIVED IN WASHINGTON

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SPOTSUBJECT Request for Intelligence Information on ~~EW~~ Activities at Pozen.

1. On 15 January 1947 (0900 E.S.T.) a German language broadcast, with commentary by one KUBANIN, emanated from Moscow on the subject "The Nuremberg Trial of Nazi Doctors". The following observation is quoted from a summary of that program:

"Their (German) experiments had been designed to promote the scientific development of the methods for killing people by the million. Thus the liberating Red Army had found at Poznan (Pozen, Poland) a German factory manufacturing lethal bacteria on a mass scale."

2. The latest and most reliable information available, relative to the German project at Pozen indicates that this installation, when uncovered, had not begun operations for the production of biological warfare agents, although its construction had been completed. Various German intelligence documents make reference to this activity, identifying it as the "Nesselstedt Project".

This office
3. **OSG** has been requested to provide the following information on the factory at Pozen:

(a) Details of the extent of Russian knowledge with respect to German biological warfare in general, and German activities at Pozen in particular;

(b) Present condition of the installation at Pozen, and the purposes to which it is now being put, if any;

(c) Evidence concerning the actual manufacture of bacteria at the Pozen factory by the Germans, if any;

(d) Details of the processes that may have been contemplated for use at Pozen; and

(e) Other available pertinent data.

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Has also been asked

4. a. Note that prior to or simultaneously with forwarding this request to CIG, the Director of Intelligence, WDGS, requested all information on the subject from the Commanding General, USFET, M/A, Moscow, and M/A, Warsaw. Other intelligence gathering action on the part of GIC is also being undertaken. Accordingly, it may be anticipated that all present sources of information on this subject will be bombarded with a series of questions on this precise subject. It is therefore recommended in the interests of security that this request be set up as a matter of long term interest, and that, while such intelligence as becomes available without security risk be forwarded to Washington, no attempt be made to develop new contacts on this subject at the present time, and that no security hazards be undertaken with respect to this request.

b. It is believed that in appropriate offices in Washington there is a considerable quantity of information on this particular institution, up to approximately V-J Day. Any intelligence gathering should be devoted to establishing the question of the present existence of the institution and its present and continuing activities. No effort should be made to obtain historical data.

c. It is to be noted that the first part of paragraph 3 is a comprehensive and general question, which, it is believed, adds nothing to your current briefing. On this subject it is anticipated that a considerably more detailed brief will reach you in the not too distant future.

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FSRO-1228-a

February 27, 1947

TO: O-OPS
FROM: SPDT
SUBJECT: FSRO-1228

1. Enclosed is a Top Secret request for intelligence from OGD on the subject of biological warfare.

2. It is likely that this has come directly from Gen. Waitt. In view of Gen. Waitt's express request for direct handling of such information between his office and our office during my recent interview, it seems better for this office to establish such direct contact and forward any information directly to him, rather than to OGD for whatever dissemination they may make.

3. Naturally any further information on the exact subject of the request is only problematical. I believe, however, that a summary that I saw in the office of the USRWC, prior to the dissolution of their office in the National Academy of Sciences Building, mentioned the same institution. Therefore, Gen. Waitt, or some related office, is likely to have information on this institution prior to recent times. Our contribution would probably be following up its present activities or determining its present location.

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